

October 10, 2002

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
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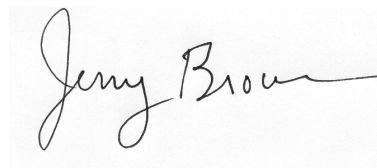
Dear Secretary Dortch:

I write in support of SBC Pacific Bell's 271 application to enter the long distance market in California.

The telecommunications industry is a leading force in our national and local economy. It is important that you act to create an environment in which telecommunication companies can grow and in turn, create well-paying jobs. In the 23 states across the Country where long distance applications have been approved, prices have fallen and consumers have benefited.

Pacific Bell has been a solid corporate citizen in Oakland and has a history of providing good jobs for our families here and across the state. Californians will benefit from the open competition caused as a result of their entry into the long distance market.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jerry Brown". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

JERRY BROWN